

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 270

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Newport Grammar School Cheerleaders on winning First Place in the 2005 CANAM National Cheerleading Scholastic Division.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Newport Grammar School cheerleading program is well on its way to becoming renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic capability and is already famous as a squad of competitive stature in the world of cheerleading and dance; and

WHEREAS, Newport Grammar School Cheerleaders have achieved a notable level of success during the 2004-2005 season; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication and hard work of team members, eighth graders, Captain Amber Shelton, Co-Captain Rachel Munsey, Maddie Lamb, Nikki Smith, and Landree Veridal; seventh graders, Taylor Denton, Dylan Thomas, and Erika Wild; and sixth grader Elizabeth Strange, the school's cheerleading squad has achieved commendable success during the past year; and

WHEREAS, the team won First Place at the 2004-2005 Cocke County Elementary Large Schools' Cheerleading Division which was held at Cocke County High School on February 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, at the Regional Competition held at Maryville College, the team was awarded Second Place and, based on the team's high score, qualified to receive a bid to compete in the 2005 Cheer International Championships at the Canadian-American (CANAM) Competition; and

WHEREAS, this year the International Championships at CANAM, held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on March 19th and 20th, 2005, was host to 500 teams, including the reigning National Champions from Kentucky, as well as teams from throughout the nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, competing in one of the largest cheerleading competitions in the United States, Newport Grammar prevailed over teams from other schools to secure the National Championship title in the National Scholastic Division by showcasing their true athleticism and their spirit of constructive sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, though Newport Grammar Cheerleaders have evolved into a skilled and competitive team with which to be reckoned, these star athletes have not neglected their academic development or responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Newport Grammar School Cheerleaders not only won First Place at the 2004-2005 Cocke County Elementary Cheerleading Division, the team also brought home the 2005 Cocke County Elementary Large Schools' Cheerleading Academic Award, which is awarded to the team with the highest grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Morgan meritoriously serves as Head Coach of this outstanding cheerleading squad; and

WHEREAS, Coach Morgan laid the groundwork for the National Championship win by sharing with the young women on the team her substantial knowledge of cheerleading and her passion both for the sport of cheerleading and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, she has been supported by Newport Grammar School Athletic Director Mickey Powers, Principal Sandy Burchette, Director of Schools David Bible, and countless supportive parents and community members whose support financed 100% of the team's costs associated with their attendance at CANAM; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders of Newport Grammar School for the 2004-2005 season have proven themselves to be both exceptional artists and athletes, and have modeled a tenacious work ethic and winning attitude for future Newport Grammar School cheerleading champions; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders at Newport Grammar School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Newport Grammar School cheerleaders for winning the National Championship in the International Championships at CANAM for the Junior High Small Mount division and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Victoria Morgan and Newport Grammar School Cheerleaders on their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary victorious performance at the 2005 International Championships at CANAM, where they established themselves as National Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.